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Inspection Report

Minerals Regulatory Program

September 27, 2011

Reviewed: 

Mine Name: Tintic Operations (Trixie, Apex/Burgin, TrixieWest)	Permit Number: M/049/0062 (M/049/0024, M/049/0009, E/049/0046)
Operator Name: Chief Consolidated Mining	Inspection Date: September 23, 2011
Inspector(s): Lynn Kunzler, DOGM	Time: 8:00 am
Other Participants: Adren (security guard).	Mine Status: Inactive

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Concurrent Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Revegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Purpose of Inspection:

Routine Inspection while in the area.

Inspection Summary:

Chief Consolidated has made application to consolidate the Trixie, Trixie West, and Apex/Burgin mines into the Tintic Operations permit. This action has been tentatively approved by the Division, and is scheduled to go before the Board of Oil Gas and Mining in October to terminate a Board order prior to final approval (The Division is requesting dismissal of the issue). Once this is completed, the Division will issue final approval of the Tintic Operations, which effectively consolidated Chief's mining operations in the area under one permit.

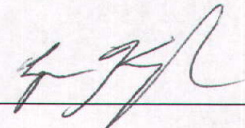
During this inspection, I met with Adren to discuss what was going on at the site. Currently Kennecott Exploration Company is doing some exploration in the area and is utilizing part of the Burgin disturbed area for staging a equipment and materials. Otherwise, there has been no activity on the site since my last inspection.

Aside from the security guard, the areas are gated and fenced, and signed 'No Trespassing' to keep the public out. Pad areas at the Burgin, Trixie and Apex mines were stable with no apparent garbage.

Photos were taken to document site conditions.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

This operation is apparently in compliance at this time. Continue to monitor the site when in the area.

Inspector's Signature 

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